

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 were previously pending in the application. Claims 1 and 11 are amended; and new claims 21-22 are added herein. Assuming the entry of this amendment, claims 1-22 are now pending in the application. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

Specification

The Specification has been amended to correct a number of typographical/grammatical errors and to ensure that the scope of the invention is not limited to the specific embodiments described in the Specification.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103

In paragraph 3 of the final office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gebis. In paragraph 5, the Examiner rejected claims 4-10 and 14-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gebis in view of Schmidt. For the following reasons, the Applicant submits that all of the now-pending claims are allowable over the cited references.

Claims 1 and 11

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to distinguish the claimed invention over the teachings in Gebis and Schmidt. In particular, according to currently amended claims 1 and 11, the transmitted content that is specific to said geographically defined receiving area, is selected by the operator independent of the user.

Gebis teaches an Internet-based radio system in which the content selected to be transmitted to a user is dependent on the user. See, e.g., Abstract ("receiving information relating to a subscriber personal profile including subscriber content preferences" and "selecting and mixing content from the content database according to the content preferences"). Gebis does not teach or even suggest an Internet-based radio system in which geography-dependent content is selected independent of the user. As such, Gebis does not teach or even suggest the invention of currently amended claims 1 and 11.

Nor does Schmidt provide the features of currently amended claims 1 and 11 that are missing from Gebis.

For all these reasons, the Applicant submits that currently amended claims 1 are allowable over the cited references. Since claims 2-10 and 12-22 depend directly or indirectly from claims 1 and 11, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable over the cited references.

New Claims 21 and 22

According to new claim 21, the system further comprises one or more other wireless connection nodes in an other geographically defined receiving area different from said geographically defined receiving area. Each of said one or more other wireless connection nodes includes an other transmitter. Other content transmitted by each other transmitter is (1) specific to said other geographically defined receiving area, (2) selected independent of the user, and (3) different from said content specific to said geographically defined receiving area.

According to new claim 22, the method further comprises providing one or more other wireless connection nodes in an other geographically defined receiving area different from said geographically defined receiving area. Other content is delivered to said one or more other wireless connection nodes, wherein said other content is (1) specific to said other geographically defined receiving area, (2) selected independent of the user, and (3) different from said content specific to said geographically defined receiving area. Said delivered other content is transmitted via said one or more other wireless connection nodes.

Support for new claims 21 and 22 is found, for example, in Fig. 1. The Applicant submits that claims 21 and 22 further distinguish the claimed subject matter over the cited references.

Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections of claims 1-20 under Sections 102(e) and 103(a) have been overcome. Furthermore, new claims 21-22 patentably define over the cited references.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Fees

During the pendency of this application, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment of any filing fees for presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Mendelsohn & Associates, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0782.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time if not submitted with the reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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